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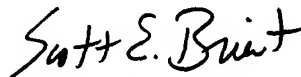
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	1	4,513,891	04-30-1985	Hain et al.		
	2	5,238,153	08-24-1993	Castillo et al.		
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	3	DE 4440211	02-22-1996	Dental-Kosmetik GmbH Dresden		Yes
	4	DE 9005488	09-12-1991	Perfect-Valois Ventil GmbH		No
	5	JP 09058709	03-04-1997	Toyo Seikan Kaisha Ltd.		Yes
	6	JP 09039990	02-10-1997	Toyo Seikan Kaisha Ltd.		Yes
OTHER DOCUMENTS						
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	7	International Search Report from International Application No. PCT/EP02/01845, dated June 28, 2002.				
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